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New Orleans

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Sir,

I am glad to have, by your letter of the 16th inst., received this morning, that you have advanced so far in your preparations for commencing work at the New Orleans Mint. I have kept long in the dark as to your proceedings, owing, as I now suppose, to the illness of Mr. Bradford.

I approve entirely of your course with regard to Mr. Jackson, and hope you will not hesitate to let off the other faithless workmen of whom you speak. In conducting such an establishment as is committed to your charge, at such a place as New Orleans, great firmness will be necessary on the part of the officers; and I am happy to find that they have the moral courage to exert it. They must be the masters; for they have all the responsibility. We are astonished to hear that Mr. Baillot presumed to meddle in this matter, and above

all that he should have taken the field  
of the men in their insubordination.  
He will find, on his return, that he  
has done his last work for that point.

You dis man orders on the re-  
ceipt of my last letter from Mr. For-  
stall, and are now in progress. — We  
shall also send you a series of Cris.

Mr. Francis (to whom I have sent a  
message this morning) promises to have  
six adjusting balances finished for your  
ment in the course of a week.

Completed sets of large balances for  
your establishment, <sup>with many other articles</sup> ordered in France,  
were sent from Havre in the Cormissa  
feet to New York, and I am sorry  
to say that much alarm is entertained  
for her safety, as she has been 75  
days out, and is not heard of. Her  
loss would be a severe misfortune  
to the Branch Mints.

I have written to Mr. Forstall that  
his draft to pay Miss Barnard & Co.  
should be honored on present arrival.

Please to inform Dr. Frost that  
Mr. Eckfeldt graduated the miasma

for his removal solution, by mixing the  
appropriate quantities of water in it, and  
marking the lines at which they stand.  
As it is a question of precision, it is ne-  
cessary that French weights should be  
employed.

Let me thank you for your very  
satisfactory letter, and invite you to  
communicate to me freely, from time  
to time, <sup>the</sup> proceedings in your  
department of the Mint. I am  
very anxious to be kept informed as  
to your condition.

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